

the story of Christ began to be written and cherished, men were as bitterly opposed to the new law of giving up their evil ways as they had been when they had heard it from His sacred lips. And then, as now, men wrote what they thought. But as gold comes out of the furnace more valuable and precious than before, so, all that these men wrote against the Gospels only served to make them shine brighter and brighter as the one and only guide for the life of man.

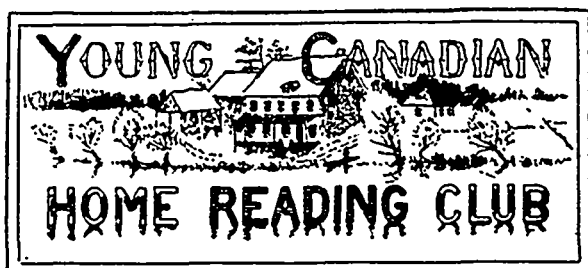
How this came to pass we shall see next week.

SNOW-SHOEING SONG.

Hilloo, hilloo, hilloo, hilloo !
 Gather, gather, ye men in white,
 The winds blow keenly, the moon is bright,
 The sparkling snow lies firm and white ;
 Tie on the shoes, no time to lose,
 We must be over the hill to-night.

Hilloo, hilloo, hilloo, hilloo !
 Swiftly in single file we go,
 The city is soon left far below,
 Its countless lights like diamonds glow ;
 And as we climb, we hear the chime
 Of church bells stealing o'er the snow.

ARTHUR WEIR.



OUR CLUB.

We had got as far as having your President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer appointed, and I left you thinking over the name for your club. Whilst leaving you to your own taste and judgment, I took the liberty of suggesting one or two directions in which I thought you might go to look for a name. Therefore I hope that since last week you have been talking the matter over well, and that now you have all these little points arranged.

Now, you choose the day in the week and the hour, when you propose to hold your meeting. In this you will be guided by the greatest convenience of the greatest number of members. It may be more suitable for some to meet in the afternoon; others will prefer the evening. But you will not have much difficulty in finding a day and an hour that will please all, so long as you are in earnest.

Then you will decide upon your subject. It may be history, or science, or literature. It may be, even, that you want at first to have a right good winter with nice stories. Whatever it be that you prefer, make your choice meantime. You may change your plan after, if desirable. But the great matter is to commence; promptly; at once. Then your Secretary will procure a note-book in which he will write down something like the following:

The Young Canadian Beaver, or Maple Leaf, or Spare Moments' Club; or, if you take my suggestion about the author, The Young Canadian Garneau, or Lampman, or Frechette, or Pauline Johnson Club.

REGINA, N. W. T.

President	-	-	-	-	John Campbell
Vice-President	-	-	-	-	Harriet Thompson
Treasurer	-	-	-	-	Fred Symmers
Secretary	-	-	-	-	Ethel Hunter

MEMBERS.

Charles Dickson	Susan Mair
Fanny Motherwell	Alex. Hamilton
James Peterson	Gladys Munro

with power to add to their number.

The club held its first meeting at Mrs. Brown's, or in the School House, on Tuesday Evening, Feb. 24, at half-past seven o'clock

The Secretary then proceeds to write down the names of all present or absent; and to make a record of all that the club decides at its meeting; that is,—decides either to do or not to do, and also of all that has been proposed to do, in the event of no decision having been made. The day and hour of meeting must, of course, be noted, and some pledge or understanding should be recorded as the aim and object of the club. Perhaps you might say:—"We, members of The Young Canadian Spare Moments' Reading Club resolve that we shall meet every Tuesday evening at half-past seven o'clock for the purpose of discussing together what we have read during the week; of stimulating each other in our reading; and of saving small portions of valuable time which otherwise might slip through our fingers; and we resolve that every day, unless prevented by circumstances which we cannot control, we shall devote at least one half hour to the reading chosen by the club."

That would do very nicely. It is not a pledge that need burden any one to keep, and it is sufficiently solemn to make you hesitate to break it.

The Secretary's next duty is to write to me. You will observe that in my imaginary list of officers I have put one of your sisters as Secretary, and this I did purposely. I think you will find, as I have done, that the sisters more than the brothers of the club will be prompt and thorough in the details that make a successful Secretary. Well, then, your Secretary will write to me telling me everything she can think that I must know,—how many members you have; about what age, so that I may know how to guide and advise you; how far you may be from a good library; your post-office address; the name you have chosen for your club; where you meet; when you meet; and, most important of all, the subject you have chosen as your study. This and any other information which you want me to possess, you will write out and send it to me, and let me tell you confidentially that I am always fearfully busy, simply fearfully busy, and I hope you will remember to write distinctly and neatly, which will save me a good deal of precious time.

You will also adopt a Motto for your club. Something which embodies a guiding principle is good:—for example, lately THE YOUNG CANADIAN had a good one, "Heaven helps those who help themselves." Or you might take "Where there's a will there's a way"; or "Take care of the pence (of time); the pounds will take